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SUBJECT: PKK TERRORISM - SYRIAN CONNECTION

[1](#)1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

[1](#)2. ROLF GAUFFIN, SWEDEN'S AMBASSADOR IN DAMASCUS, TOLD DCM RECENTLY THAT AN ARAB NATIVE WITH A CLAIM TO SWEDISH PERMANENT RESIDENCY HAD WALKED INTO THE SWEDISH EMBASSY IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS TO SEEK REPATRIATION. THE PERSON SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TRAINING AT THE PKK CAMP IN THE BIQA BUT HAD BECOME DISAFFECTED AND WANTED TO RETURN TO SWEDEN. GAUFFIN IS ARRANGING FOR HIS DEPARTURE.

[1](#)3. GAUFFIN SAID HE WAS APPREHENSIVE OF THE SYRIAN REACTION TO HIS HANDLING SUCH A CASE, ESPECIALLY WITH THE PKK CONNECTION. HE, THEREFORE, ALERTED THE POLITICAL SECURITY DIVISION TO ASSURE THEY KNEW THE WHOLE STORY. THE PSD REPLY LED GAUFFIN TO BELIEVE THEY WERE WELL AWARE OF HIS "WALK-IN" AND HAD NO INTENTION OF INTERFERING. THIS EPISODE ALSO CONFIRMED FOR GAUFFIN THAT THE SYRIANS DO KEEP TABS ON COMINGS AND GOINGS IN THE BIQA.

[1](#)4. IN VIEW OF HIS RECENT EXPOSURE TO THE PKK AND SYRIAN COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN CONTACTING THE GOS TO SEE IF A DEBRIEFING WITH THE EX PKK TRAINEE MIGHT BE ARRANGED.

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